

**ENTERED**

February 08, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISIONSTEVEN DILLARD Individually and §  
On Behalf of All Others Similarly §  
Situating, §*Plaintiff,* §

No. 4:20-cv-01127

v. §

PIONEER EXPLORATION LLC, §  
ATLAS OPERATING LLC AND §  
YOUNAS CHAUDHARY, §*Defendants.* §**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT  
DISMISSING LAWSUIT WITH PREJUDICE**

Pending before this Court is the Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Approval of Settlement and Entry of Judgment Dismissing Lawsuit with Prejudice (the "Motion"). For good cause shown, and as more fully explained below, the Motion is GRANTED.

The Court finds and concludes that this lawsuit involves a bona fide dispute as to the law and fact, including liability, applicable defenses and appropriate damages, if any, including the number of overtime hours of compensable work, if any, performed by the Plaintiff and Potential Class Members, and the amount of overtime pay, if any, to which each Plaintiff and Potential Class Member would be entitled if liability were established. The Court finds: 1)

that the settlement terms negotiated by the parties and described in their Agreement, a copy of which was attached to the Motion, are a fair, equitable, and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute between the Current Opt-ins, Potential Class Members, and the Defendants, 2) that it was negotiated at arms-length with the assistance of qualified counsel, 3) that the Cost and Fee Award requested in the Motion is reasonable, 4) that the Service Award requested in the Motion is reasonable, and 5) that the settlement of the claims as to the eventual Settlement Class Members should proceed according to the procedure set forth in the Agreement and is therefore approved. The Parties shall administer the settlement of the claims of the FLSA Class Members as set forth in the Agreement. **Therefore, the Court**

**ORDERS** that the Parties' settlement, including the final Agreement between Pioneer Exploration LLC, Atlas Operating LLC, Younas Chaudhary and Steven Dillard, on behalf of himself and all individuals who have or will file a consent to join the case after receiving the Notice and Consent is **APPROVED**; and

**ORDERS** that this action, in its entirety, and all claims asserted herein, are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, with each party to bear his or its own costs, fees and expenses.

Signed this 8th day of February, 2021.



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HON. LEE ROSENTHAL  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE